



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE**  
APRIL 23, 2008

**WHEREAS**, in 1908, the nation's leaders knew that the most up-to-date medical experience resided in the civilian sector, created the first reservoir of trained officers in a reserve status, known as the Medical Reserve Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, today, over fifty-nine percent of the Army's medical assets lie within the Army Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1916, Congress passed the National Defense Act, creating the Officers' Reserve Corps, the Enlisted Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, later named the Organized Reserve Corps (ORC), all of which are forerunners of the current Army Reserve; and

**WHEREAS**, in both World Wars, Army Reserve soldiers answered the call of duty. In World War I, 89,500 reserve officers were mobilized and during World War II, 200,000 members of the ORC participated, with reserve officers providing twenty-nine percent of the Army's Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1952, legislation renamed the ORC as the Army Reserve and then divided it into three reserves, a Ready Reserve, a Standby Reserve, and a Retired Reserve. Legislation also provided that reserve units have twenty-four training days and up to seventeen days of annual training; and

**WHEREAS**, the Army Reserve has been an integral part of numerous conflicts. More than seventy Army Reserve units were deployed to the Korean Peninsula, more than 84,000 soldiers provided combat support and combat service support during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and others provided support in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and


**WHEREAS**, the role of the Army Reserve has changed over time. Moving from a Strategic Reserve to an Operational Force, the Army Reserve also provides resources and training to first-responder organizations across the nation, trains soldiers, implements national objectives, keeps the army mobile, and enables the Army to do more with fewer resources; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Army Reserve makes up twenty percent of the Army's organized units, but provides one half of the Army's combat support and one-fourth of its mobilization base expansion capabilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 23, 2008, the **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State